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# TOOL CASES AND CHESTS

FOR THE UP-TO-DATE MECHANIC



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DAYTON, OHIO

MANUFACTURERS OF  
MECHANICS' HIGH GRADE TOOL CASES  
DAYTON, OHIO



A place for every tool, instantly accessible when wanted.

## OUR GUARANTEE

Each and every Gerstner Tool Case is guaranteed first class in workmanship, material and design, and to give good service. If not entirely satisfactory in every respect we will replace the same or refund all money.

We guarantee more inside drawer space than any other Case on the market of equal outside dimensions.

Cases are carefully packed and shipped by express unless otherwise ordered.

The best way to send money is by Post Office or Express Money Order.

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## INTRODUCTION

**T**HE following pages show a selection of Portable Tool Cases, which have long been recognized as the standard for superior workmanship, material and design. Some years ago, when our first booklet was issued, we made quality our strong point, and this holds as true today as it did then. Since we originated the "Gerstner" Portable Tool Case—like all articles of merit—it has been flattered by cheaper imitations. Our aim being not to give you a cheap article, but the best value for your money, and we are proud of the fact that in no single instance have we heard of a better built, a neater, more practical and compact Tool Case. We employ skilled workmen who have devoted years of their time to perfecting our line of Cases and Chests, and with the best materials that money can buy at their command, we are enabled to give you a Tool Case that beats anything ever offered to the up-to-date mechanic.

Gerstner Cases are correctly proportioned, handsomely finished, light in weight, yet very substantial in every detail. They pay for themselves many times over, and the price is small compared with the real value in saving tools from damage, and the many years of service and satisfaction they will give. The convenient arrangement of drawers affords a place for every tool, orderly arranged and easily picked out when wanted.

We build styles not shown in the booklet, also make Special Cases to order, and want you to write us if you don't find exactly what is wanted. In view of the care given to the manufacture of "Gerstner" Cases, the confidence we have in the quality of our product leads us to place before you the guarantee on the last page, which applies to every Case we sell.

## DESCRIPTION

Details that are essential to a high-grade product. You'll find more inside drawer space in "Gerstner" Cases, and we guarantee them superior in every way to any Tool Case on the market.

**FRAME OR BODY.**—Thoroughly seasoned bass-wood and laminated poplar, lock cornered and glued. Corners are rounded, but not too much to weaken the Case. Quartered Oak Cases are dove-tailed. Gerstner cases are built to "stand up" under any condition.

**FINISH.**—The best quality of imitation black seal grain leather is used. This is neat and serviceable and guaranteed not to turn color. Our Cases are handsomely tooled and there are no raw edges to start loose. Quartered Oak Cases are regularly finished English Oak, highly polished and rubbed.

**DRAWERS.**—Lock cornered and glued. Small drawers have sheet metal and large drawers three-ply birch bottoms, lined with dark green felt. Drawers fit snug, yet slide easy on hardwood slides, and will not bind or stick. Drawer fronts are nicely finished and beaded.

**FITTINGS.**—We furnish trimmings in harmony with the design of the Case. Solid brass, either lacquered or nicked, and steel brass or nickel-plated on Styles 70 and 11.

**LOCKS.**—Brass cylinder locks with two flat steel keys, each lock with different keys. We can furnish either solid or spring bolt locks.

**HANDLES.**—Extra strong and comfortable leather handle re-enforced with a steel rod through center. Loops are fastened to the Case with machine screws and nuts—will carry any weight.

**LIDS.**—All lids or doors are well paneled and will not warp or twist. Lids are self-hinging and do not rub on bottom of the Case when slid in under the bottom drawers.

**SPECIALS.**—We build special Cases and Chests to order. Any style can be changed to meet your requirement. Prices quoted on request.

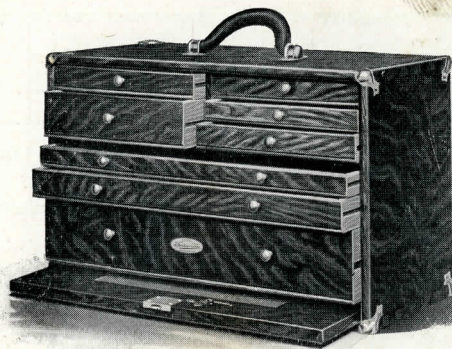


**Style 70. Two Sizes**

A low priced, substantially constructed Tool Case. By making up this style in large quantities we are enabled to give a value that can't be beat. Covered with imitation leather, fitted with brass plated trimmings, a good lock with two flat keys—each case having different keys. Four top drawers have felt lined bottoms. Lid is removable and can be slid under the bottom drawers. Drawer fronts are of Oak or finished Mahogany.

Style No.	Drawers Inside		Inside Height of Drawers					
	Length in.	Depth in.	1st in.	2nd in.	3rd in.	4th in.	5th in.	6th in.
70	6 $\frac{5}{8}$ & 14 $\frac{1}{4}$	7	$\frac{7}{8}$	1 $\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{7}{8}$	1 $\frac{3}{8}$	1 $\frac{7}{8}$	3 $\frac{3}{8}$
70B	8 $\frac{5}{8}$ & 18 $\frac{1}{4}$	7	$\frac{7}{8}$	1 $\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{7}{8}$	1 $\frac{3}{8}$	1 $\frac{7}{8}$	3 $\frac{3}{8}$

Style 70.....16"x10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "x9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".....Price \$8.00  
 Style 70B.....20"x10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "x9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".....Price 9.00



**Style 031. Three Sizes**

This case is similar to our standard No. 31 Case, but not covered. It is made of nicely figured quartered oak, in the medium or dark finish, hand rubbed and polished. Corners are dovetailed and rounded. The paneled lid forms a felt lined tray on the inside, is self-hinging, and rolls under the bottom drawer on steel bearings. This case is strictly Gerstner Quality and equal to our best in every respect.

Style No.	Drawers Inside		Inside Height of Drawers							
	Length In.	Depth in.	1st in.	2nd in.	3rd in.	4th in.	5th in.	6th in.	7th in.	8th in.
031	Short Dr. 6 $\frac{5}{8}$ Long Dr. 14 $\frac{1}{4}$	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	1	2	1	$\frac{3}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
031A	Short Dr. 7 $\frac{5}{8}$ Long Dr. 16 $\frac{1}{4}$	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	1	2	1	$\frac{3}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
031B	Short Dr. 8 $\frac{5}{8}$ Long Dr. 18 $\frac{1}{4}$	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	1	2	1	$\frac{3}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{7}{8}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$

Style 031.....16"x11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "x8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".....Price \$12.00  
 Style 031A.....18"x11 $\frac{3}{8}$ "x8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".....Price 12.75  
 Style 031B.....20"x11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "x8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".....Price 13.50

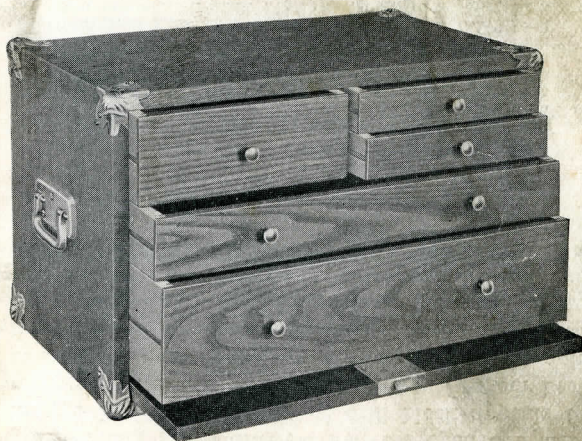


Style 43. Two Sizes

A Portable Tool Case that meets the requirements of pattern makers, cabinet makers or machinists who carry a 24 inch scale. It is substantially constructed and as light as possible without sacrifice of strength. Covered with the best imitation seal grain leather and fitted with nickeled trimmings and a comfortable re-inforced leather handle. Two short drawers and top compartment are felt lined. A good strong lock securely locks all compartments. Front lid locks automatically and slides under the bottom drawer.

Style No.	Drawers Inside		Inside Height of Drawers					Top Compartment with Recess in Top Lid
	Length in.	Depth in.	1st in.	2nd in.	3rd in.	4th in.	5th in.	
43	11½ & 24¼	6¼	1	1	1½	1½	3	25x7½x3¼
44	13¾ & 29	6¼	1	1	1½	1½	3	30x7½x3¼

Style 43.....26"x13½"x8½".....Price \$16.50  
Style 44.....31"x13½"x8½".....Price 17.50



Style 11-12

Machinists using heavy tools, and especially those working in garages, engine rooms, will find this a roomy and very practical and serviceable chest. Well made of oak, in the mission finish, and equipped with extra heavy brass plated trimmings. Lid is removable and may be slid under the bottom drawer. Drawer bottoms are three-ply birch. A strong cylinder lock with two flat steel keys is furnished.

Style No.	Drawers Inside		Inside Height of Drawers				
	Length in.	Depth in.	1st in.	2nd in.	3rd in.	4th in.	5th in.
11	8¼ & 18	9¾	3	1½	1½	2	4
12	11¼ & 24	11¾	3	1½	1½	2½	4½

Style 11.....20½"x12¾"x12".....Price \$11.00  
Style 12.....26½"x14 "x14".....Price 13.50



Style 18-28-38

A practical and compact Tool Case for toolmakers and machinists. One of the three sizes will meet the requirements of most any mechanic. Built first-class in every detail and covered with best quality of imitation seal grain leather. Drawers are nicely finished, have felt lined bottoms, and run on hardwood slides. A self-hinging lid slides under bottom drawer and closes with a cylinder flat key lock. Trimmings are brass, polished or nickeled, and a strong re-enforced leather handle is used.

Style No.	Drawers Inside		Inside Height of Drawers				
	Length in.	Depth in.	1st in.	2nd in.	3rd in.	4th in.	5th in.
18	12¼	5¼	¾	¾	1	1½	2½
28	14¼	6¼	1	1	1¼	1¾	3
38	16¼	8¼	1	1	1½	2	3½

Style 18.....14"x9½"x 7½".....Price \$ 9.00  
 Style 28.....16"x11 "x 8½".....Price 10.00  
 Style 38.....18"x12 "x10½".....Price 11.00



Style 45-55

This Portable Tool Case is popular with mechanics desiring several short drawers. The 20-inch length takes in an 18-inch scale and will hold a large kit of tools. This case is substantially constructed of the best materials, covered with black imitation seal grain leather. The drawer fronts are of nicely figured quartered oak and handsomely finished. Drawer bottoms are felt lined and shellac finished throughout. Equipped with our self-hinging lid having a felt lined tray. Trimmings, lock, handle, etc., are equal to our best.

Style No.	Drawers Inside		Inside Height of Drawers					
	Length in.	Depth in.	1st in.	2nd in.	3rd in.	4th in.	5th in.	6th in.
45	Short Dr. 6½	6¼	2¼	1	1	1	2	3
	Long Dr. 14¼							
55	Short Dr. 8½	7¼	2¼	1	1	1¼	2	3¼
	Long Dr. 18¼							

Style 45.....16"x11 "x8½".....Price \$11.00  
 Style 55.....20"x11½"x9½".....Price 13.00



**Style 31. Four Sizes**

Our "Standard" Toolmakers' and Machinists' Case. It has a convenient arrangement of different sized drawers—a place for every tool. A neater, more practical or compact tool case was never offered to the up-to-date mechanic. The lid is self-hinging, has a felt lined tray to lay tools on or can be slid under the bottom drawer. The workmanship, material and design can't be beat at any price. Drawer fronts are nicely figured and polished quartered oak, have sheet metal bottoms, felt lined, and trimmings are of brass, polished or nickeled.

Style No.	Drawers Inside		Inside Height of Drawers							
	Length In.	Depth in.	1st in.	2nd in.	3rd in.	4th in.	5th in.	6th in.	7th in.	8th in.
31	Short Dr. 6 $\frac{5}{8}$ " Long Dr. 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	1	2	1	$\frac{3}{4}$ "	1 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	$\frac{5}{8}$ "	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
31A	Short Dr. 7 $\frac{7}{8}$ " Long Dr. 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	1	2	1	$\frac{3}{4}$ "	1 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	$\frac{3}{4}$ "	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
31B	Short Dr. 8 $\frac{5}{8}$ " Long Dr. 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	1	2	1	$\frac{3}{4}$ "	1 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	$\frac{7}{8}$ "	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
31C	Short Dr. 8 $\frac{5}{8}$ " Long Dr. 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	7 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	1	2	1	$\frac{3}{4}$ "	1 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	$\frac{7}{8}$ "	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Style 31	16"x11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "x8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Price	\$12.00
Style 31A	18"x11 $\frac{3}{8}$ "x8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Price	12.75
Style 31B	20"x11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "x8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Price	13.50
Style 31C	20"x11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "x9x $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Price	14.50

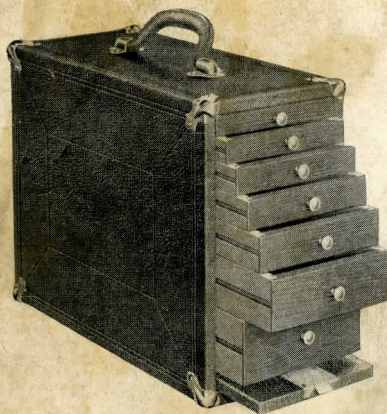


**Style 22**

The many small drawers and the open compartment for reference books or drill block appeals to many tool makers. It is built the equal to our best in every respect. Drawers have metal bottoms, felt lined and run on hardwood slides. Equipped with our patent-self-hinging lid having a felt lined tray. Drill blocks to hold from No. 1 to No. 60 drills are furnished when ordered. A good cylinder lock, a comfortable leather handle, and polished brass or nickeled trimmings are used.

First	5" long, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " deep, 1" high
Second	5" long, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " deep, $\frac{3}{4}$ " high
Third	5" long, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " deep, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " high
Fourth	5" long, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " deep, 1" high
Fifth	5" long, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " deep, $\frac{3}{4}$ " high
Sixth	5" long, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " deep, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " high
Seventh	13 $\frac{1}{4}$ " long, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " deep, $\frac{3}{4}$ " high
Eighth	13 $\frac{1}{4}$ " long, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " deep, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " high
Ninth	13 $\frac{1}{4}$ " long, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " deep, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " high
Open space	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " deep, 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " high

Style 22	15"x12"x7 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	Price	\$12.75
Drill Block, 60c Extra			



Style 15-25

Especially designed to meet the requirements of a Toolmaker who expects to carry his tools from one job to another. It is a well balanced case, light in weight, yet very substantial in every detail. Built the equal to our best and covered with a neat and serviceable imitation black seal grain leather. Drawer fronts are of highly polished quartered oak or solid mahogany. Drawers are felt lined and slide easily. Equipped with our self-hinging lid, a good lock, handle and brass nickeled trimming.

Style No.	Drawers Inside		Inside Height of Drawers						
	Length in.	Width in.	1st in.	2nd in.	3rd in.	4th in.	5th in.	6th in.	7th in.
15	13 $\frac{3}{8}$	5	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{5}{8}$	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	7 $\frac{5}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
25	13 $\frac{3}{8}$	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	7 $\frac{5}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	

Style 15.....15 $\frac{1}{2}$ "x11 $\frac{3}{8}$ "x6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".....Price \$9.00  
Style 25.....15 $\frac{1}{2}$ "x11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "x8 ".....Price 9.50



Style 41. Four Sizes

A popular style for machinists and toolmakers desiring a portable tool case with a deep top compartment. Constructed of the best materials and covered with the best quality of imitation seal grain leather. This looks exactly like genuine leather and wears better. The front locks automatically when the top lid is down. This case holds more tools and is the strongest and handsomest case of its kind on the market. Drawer fronts are quartered oak or mahogany, trimmings nickeled. Top compartment and drawers felt lined. A mirror is furnished on inside of top lid. Covered with genuine seal grain cowhide at an additional charge.

Style No.	Top Compartment with Recess in Top Lid	Drawers Inside		Inside Height of Drawers						
		Length In.	Depth in.	1st in.	2nd in.	3rd in.	4th in.	5th in.	6th in.	7th in.
41	15x7 $\frac{1}{2}$ x3 $\frac{3}{4}$	Short Dr. 6 $\frac{5}{8}$ Long Dr. 14 $\frac{1}{4}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	2	1	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	1	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
41A	17x7 $\frac{1}{2}$ x3 $\frac{3}{4}$	Short Dr. 7 $\frac{5}{8}$ Long Dr. 16 $\frac{1}{4}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	2	1	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	1	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
41B	19x7 $\frac{1}{2}$ x3 $\frac{3}{4}$	Short Dr. 8 $\frac{5}{8}$ Long Dr. 18 $\frac{1}{4}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	2	1	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	1	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
41C	19x8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x3 $\frac{3}{4}$	Short Dr. 8 $\frac{5}{8}$ Long Dr. 18 $\frac{1}{4}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	2	1	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	1	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$

Style 41.....16"x12 $\frac{1}{4}$ "x8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".....Price \$13.50  
Style 41A.....18"x12 $\frac{1}{4}$ "x8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".....Price 14.25  
Style 41B.....20"x12 $\frac{1}{4}$ "x8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".....Price 15.00  
Style 41C.....20"x12 $\frac{1}{4}$ "x9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".....Price 16.00



**Style 35**

A portable tool case that meets the requirements of draftsmen or other mechanics desiring a narrow case. It is made the equal to our best. All drawers have felt lined bottoms and the case is covered with the finest quality of black imitation seal grain leather. The short deep drawer is partitioned to take in four ink bottles—but can be furnished without the partition. The inside of the lid forms a felt lined tray to lay tools on and can be slid under the bottom drawer. Trimmings are nicked brass.

**Style 35—Inside Drawer Dimensions**

First .....	4	"	long,	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	deep,	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	high
Second .....	7 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	long,	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	deep,	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	high	
Third .....	7 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	long,	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	deep,	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	high	
Fourth .....	7 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	long,	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	deep,	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	high	
Fifth .....	7 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	long,	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	deep,	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	high	
Sixth .....	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	long,	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	deep,	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	high	
Seventh .....	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	long,	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	deep,	1 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	high	
Eighth .....	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	long,	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	deep,	2	"	high

Style 35.....14 $\frac{1}{4}$ "x10 $\frac{3}{4}$ "x6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".....Price \$12.00



**Style 10. Four Sizes**

This nine drawer tool chest appeals to the mechanic who carries a large kit of tools. It is strictly "Gerstner" Quality in every detail, made of the best materials and covered with a serviceable black imitation seal grain leather. Drawers are nicely finished, bottoms felt lined and run on hardwood slides. Trimmings are of heavy brass, polished and lacquered. Equipped with our sliding lid having a felt lined tray. For a large practical and compact chest, this beats anything ever offered to the "man who cares."

Style No.	Inside Drawers		Inside Height of Drawers								
	Length In.	Depth in.	1st in.	2nd in.	3rd in.	4th in.	5th in.	6th in.	7th in.	8th in.	9th in.
10	6 short Dr. 7 $\frac{1}{8}$ 3 long Dr. 16 $\frac{1}{4}$	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	5 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	5 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{3}{8}$	7 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	3
10A	6 short Dr. 8 $\frac{1}{8}$ 3 long Dr. 18 $\frac{1}{4}$	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	5 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	5 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{3}{8}$	7 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	3
10B	6 short Dr. 9 $\frac{1}{8}$ 3 long Dr. 20 $\frac{1}{4}$	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	5 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	5 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{3}{8}$	7 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	3
10C	6 short Dr. 11 $\frac{1}{8}$ 3 long Dr. 24 $\frac{1}{4}$	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	5 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{8}$	5 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{3}{8}$	7 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	3

Style 10.....18"x12 $\frac{1}{2}$ "x10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".....Price \$15.00  
 Style 10A.....20"x12 $\frac{1}{2}$ "x10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".....Price 16.00  
 Style 10B.....22"x12 $\frac{1}{2}$ "x10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".....Price 17.00  
 Style 10C.....26"x12 $\frac{1}{2}$ "x10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".....Price 18.50